

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dahna Pasternak on August 18, 2010. Claims 1, 5, 10, 12, 14, 15, 18, 23, 25, 27 and 43-45 are allowed.

Claim Amendments

The application has been amended as follows:

Please cancel non-elected claims 28-42, 47 and 48.

Please replace claim 15 with the following:

Claim 15 (currently amended). A method of stabilizing a soluble, substantially integral bARE class protein which is an AB5 cholera toxin (CT) ADP-ribosylating toxin or an AB5 *E.coli* heat labile toxin (LT) by combining the bARE class protein with arginine phosphate and 3-(3-Cholamidopropyl)-dimethylammonio-1-propanesulfonate (CHAPS).

Rejoinder

2. Claims 1, 5, 10, 12 and 14 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(b), claims 15, 18, 23, 25 and 27, directed to the process of making or using the allowable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are hereby rejoined and fully

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examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104. Non-elected claims 28-42, 47 and 48, have NOT been rejoined.

Because a claimed invention previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 has been rejoined, **the restriction requirement for groups I and II as set forth in the Office action mailed on 3/17/09 is hereby withdrawn.** In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the rejoined inventions, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer E. Graser whose telephone number is (571) 272-0858. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00 AM-6:30 PM.

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